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State disciplines health care providers

OLYMPIA -- The Washington State Department of Health has taken disciplinary actions or withdrawn charges against health care providers in our state.

The department's Health Systems Quality Assurance Division works with boards, commissions, and advisory committees to set licensing standards for more than 80 health care professions (e.g., medical doctors, nurses, counselors).

Information about health care providers is on the agency website. Click on "[Look up a health care provider license](#)" in the "How Do I?" section of the [Department of Health website](#) (doh.wa.gov). The site includes information about a health care provider's license status, the expiration and renewal date of their credential, disciplinary actions and copies of legal documents issued after July 1998. This information is also available by calling 360-236-4700. Consumers who think a health care provider acted unprofessionally are encouraged to call and report their complaint.

Adams County

In February 2016 the Nursing Assistant Program charged certified nursing assistant **Vanessa Joann Sanchez** (NC60567192) with unprofessional conduct. Sanchez allegedly admitted stealing prescription medication.

Benton County

In December 2015 the secretary of health denied a registered medical assistant credential to **Stephen Darian VanGorkum** (MR60517619). In 2012 VanGorkum was convicted of third-degree theft. In 2013 he was convicted of minor in possession. In 2014, upon being convicted of first-degree negligent driving, he admitted operating a motor vehicle under the effects of marijuana. He didn't respond to a Department of Health request for a substance use evaluation.

Clallam County

In January 2016 the Dental Commission entered an agreement with dentist **Runar Dean Johnson** (DE00003577) that fines him \$2,500, requires him to complete continuing education in risk management and infection control, and orders him to pass a jurisprudence examination. He admitted representing himself as a naturopath for treatment of dental-oriented conditions.

Johnson isn't licensed in Washington as a naturopathic physician. Johnson also didn't keep adequate records or follow required infection control procedures.

Clark County

In February 2016 the secretary of health ended conditions on the credential of certified nursing assistant **Destini Dawn Shuemaker** (NC60464574).

King County

In January 2016 the Nursing Commission ended probation for registered nurse **Tarri L. Cafarelli** (RN00172934).

In February 2016 the Medical Commission charged physician **Daniel S. Raskind** (MD00040552) with unprofessional conduct. Charges say Raskind didn't comply with an investigator's repeated request for medical records involved in a patient's complaint against Raskind.

In February 2016 the Nursing Assistant Program charged certified nursing assistant **Daniel Morey Gonzales** (NC60413502) with unprofessional conduct. In 2015 Gonzales was convicted of solicitation to possess heroin. Charges say he didn't report the conviction to the Department of Health.

In January 2016 the Dental Commission ended probation for dentist **Jeffrey Y. Lee** (DE00009253).

In December 2015 the secretary of health denied a registered medical assistant credential to **Kevin L. Walker** (MR60554729). During an inspection of a facility where Walker worked, he made false statements to an inspector, hid a testing instrument in his car, removed testing records to impede an investigation, and falsified a patient record to mislead an investigator.

In February 2016 the Nursing Commission charged registered nurse **Ingrid C. Landerth** (RN00156108) with unprofessional conduct. Charges say that after testing positive for cocaine on a "reasonable suspicion" drug screen at the hospital where she worked, Landerth admitted relapsing after having been in treatment for alcohol and cocaine addiction.

In February 2016 the Nursing Assistant Program charged registered nursing assistant **Edward Lee O'Neal Jr.** (NA60321111) with unprofessional conduct. O'Neal allegedly admitted stealing controlled substances from a patient.

In February 2016 the Dental Commission charged dentist **Michael Janich** (DE00010844) with being unable to practice with reasonable skill and safety. Charges say Janich didn't comply with a substance abuse monitoring contract.

In February 2016 the Massage Program charged massage practitioner **Su H. Jones** (MA00005838) with unprofessional conduct. In 2015 Jones was convicted of one count of leading organized crime and four counts of second-degree promoting prostitution.

Lewis County

In February 2016 the Veterinary Board charged veterinarian **Robert Rudolph Remund** (VT00002701) with unprofessional conduct. Remund allegedly provided substandard care to 13 animals. Allegations include not recommending transfer for critically ill animals to facilities with 24-hour care, keeping incomplete records, and changing treatment based on inaccurate information. Charges say clinic staff members reported seeing unsecured controlled substances on top of Remund's desk. Remund allegedly gave a person a medication stocked for veterinary use.

Pacific County

In October 2015 the Licensed Independent Social Worker and Chemical Dependency Professional programs charged licensed independent social worker and chemical dependency professional **Geoffrey Coleman Schiller** (LW00004751, CO60244928) with unprofessional conduct. After retiring, Schiller allegedly pursued a romantic and sexual relationship with a former client, let her move into his home, and tried to have a sexual relationship with her.

Pierce County

In January 2016 the Nursing Assistant Program charged certified nursing assistant **Denece Nadine Bauer** (NC10065072) with unprofessional conduct. Bauer allegedly admitted stealing a tablet computer from a resident at a skilled nursing facility where she worked.

Snohomish County

In January 2016 the Dental Commission ended conditions on the credential of dentist **Kent Koshi Kusakabe** (DE00006050).

In February 2016 the Unlicensed Practice Program notified **Jennifer Hua** of its intent to issue a cease-and-desist order. Hua allegedly does not have a dispensing optician license, but operates a business that dispenses contact lenses to the public.

Spokane County

In February 2016 the Dental Commission charged dentist **Alfred Mark Fairbanks** (DE00004076) with unprofessional conduct. In 2015 Fairbanks was convicted in Idaho of four counts of provider fraud.

Thurston County

In February 2016 the Nursing Commission charged licensed practical nurse **Errin Brooke Garcia** (LP60402191) with unprofessional conduct. Garcia allegedly didn't comply with a substance abuse monitoring contract.

Whatcom County

In February 2016 the Naturopathic Board charged naturopathic physician **V. Joseph Wessels** (NT00000376) with unprofessional conduct. Wessels allegedly wrote more than 400 prescriptions for controlled substances beyond his scope of practice. He surrendered his federal Drug Enforcement Administration registration to prescribe Schedule III through V drugs.

Yakima County

In January 2016 the secretary of health conditionally granted a certified medical assistant credential to **Engie Hernandez-Barocio** (CM60545958) and ordered her to complete continuing education in ethics. In 2015 Hernandez-Barocio entered into a felony diversion agreement on a charge of second-degree possession of stolen property.

Out of State

California: In January 2016 the Unlicensed Practice Program entered an agreement with **Amy Cheng Chiu** that requires her to cease and desist from practicing massage without a license and pay \$250. Chiu admitted providing massage therapy without a license.

Note to Editors: Health care providers charged with unprofessional conduct have 20 days to respond to the Department of Health in writing. The case then enters the settlement process. If no disciplinary agreement can be reached, the case will go to a hearing.

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